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L. A. woman honored for bird studies

DR. HILDEGARDE HOWARD
Elevated by Ornithologists

Dr. Hildegarde Howard, head of the department of Avian Paleontology at the Los Angeles County Museum, has been elected a fellow of the American Ornithologists' Union, her associates were informed yesterday.

The elevation from the rank of member was in recognition of her studies of the bird fossils removed from La Brea tar pits here.

The honor was awarded her at the recent annual meeting of the union at the University of Illinois.

Dr. Howard received her doctorate from the University of California in 1928.

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Bums divide with Braves, gain 1/2 game

BOSTON, Sept. 22.-(U.P.)-The ooklyn Dodgers missed a golden portunity to take over the Na- nal League lead today but oved to within a half-game of rst by splitting a doubleheader ith the Boston Braves, winning e second 8 to 1 after losing the rst 4 to 2.

St. Louis lost ground by bowing the Chicago Cubs, 7 to 2. The ards now have one more game play than the Dodgers, how- ver, and can restore a one-game argin by winning it.

Little Vic Lombardi, the veteran outhpaw, gave Brooklyn its vital ictory in the second game with a our-hitter. The only Boston run as Danny Litwhiler's seventh ho- er in the seventh inning.

The Dodgers clinched the sec- nd game in the second inning hen they knocked out Braves' tarter Lefty Jim Wallace with our runs.

Walker reached first on Connie Ryan's error and then the dike

Closing up!

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.-(U.P.)-The National League pennant race at a glance:

	W.	L.	Pct.	*	**
St. Louis	93	55	.628	..	6
Brooklyn	93	56	.624	½	5

*Games behind. **Games to play.

Remaining games:

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Brooklyn—Sept. 23, 24, 25 Philadelphia. Sept. 28, 29 Boston.

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PAT PHILLIPS, Women's Editor

SOROPTIMISTS TO HONOR DR. HILDEGARDE HOWARD

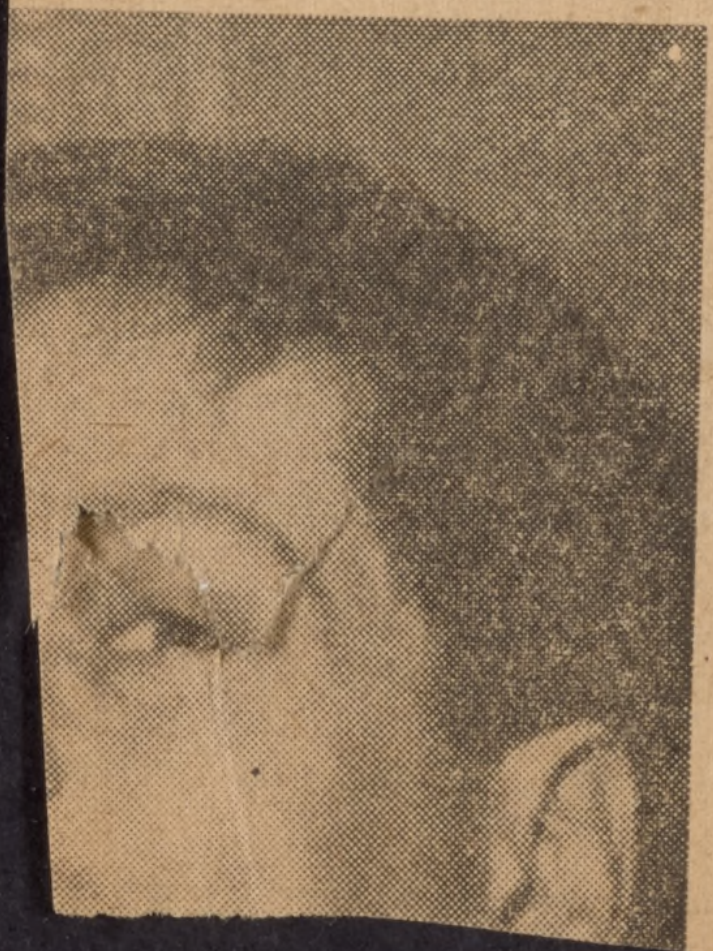
Dr. Hildegarde Howard, former chief curator of science at the County Museum, will be inducted as the first honorary member of the Miracle Mile Soroptimist Club at a luncheon meeting Tuesday at Dublin's Food 'n Fun.

Members Sally Gray and Ruth Taylor will conduct the installation ceremonies.

Dr. Howard, who retired last year following 33 years with the museum, won worldwide recognition for her contributions in biological and geological fields. One of her first projects was the identification and assembling of the prehistoric bones of the La Brea Tar Pits.

Dr. Howard has published 95 scientific monographs, is past president of the Southern California Academy of Sciences and is a fellow in many scientific organizations and a member of various honorary and research societies.

GONE — NOT FORGOTTEN—Beverly Hills workmen are having an extended Christmas season as they collect discarded trees throughout the city. The once proudly decorated trees are brought to refuse yards where they are put on skiploaders, left, and eventually taken to Mission Canyon Dump.—Staff Photo.



New 'old bones' found

Paleontologist strikes gold at 'ziggurat'

By Mary Roda
News Staff Writer

Hildegarde Howard Wylde of 2045-Q Mariposa E. spends her spare time studying creatures that are millions of years old.

Mrs. Wylde, chief curator emceritus of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles, is an avian paleontologist. In laymman's terms, she's an expert on bird fossils.

One of the Leisure World resident's most recent contributions to the tomes of research on man's predecessors is an article published in a "fest schrift," a collection of writings in honor of the 90th birthday of Dr. Alex Wetmore, retired director of the Smithsonian Institute.

MRS. WYLDE AND FRIEND — Although the toucan isn't millions of years old like most of Hildegarde Howard Wylde's avian friends, it was a birthday present and graces her desk.

—NEWS Photo

Her subject was the fossils of a bird found in 1969 during excavation work for the ziggurat in Laguna Niguel. The fossil, actually petrified bones, dates back to the Miocene age, more than 10 million years ago.

Mrs. Wylde finds it amazing that something as fragile as a bird bone can be preserved for such a long time.

She has also examined fossils found on the site of Leisure World, Mrs. Wylde said. In Orange County, where construction work is widespread, fossils are plentiful, and paleontologists are busily piecing together clues to early forms of animal life.

Mrs. Wylde became interested in avian paleontology through a college professor, Loye Miller, who introduced to her to the museum. She began her work there sorting and classifying fossils; when she retired she was chief curator.

Her interest in bird fossils remains to this day. "My husband says thank goodness it isn't whales!" she joked. Her husband, Henry Anson Wylde, fully appreciates her interest in paleontology. He was in charge of exhibits at the museum, where Mrs. Wylde now spends one day a week.

Examining fossils is a highly skilled art, and Mrs. Wylde is able to determine the family and genus of the bird simply by examining the shape and size of the bone. Arriving at the correct species, though, is sometimes difficult, especially when a similar bird has never been found before.

The ziggurat find seems to be related to the great auk, Mrs. Wylde reported. The shape of the fossil indicates that the bird "walked around like a penquin, and probably used his wings to swim."

"The first look will tell you the family--auk, and if you're lucky, it might place the genus. But sometimes you really have to work for the species," Mrs. Wylde adds.

"This little fellow was tougher," she said as she stroked the smooth curve of the bone. "We even had to make a new genus for him."

In Orange County, fossil discoveries are numerous. "We're finding them every time they put in another road," Mrs. Wylde said.

The area was under water at one time, and fossils of marine birds and animals, including whales, seals and fish, are plentiful.

Paleontologists in each specialty are getting together to write a symposium which will provide a total picture of early forms of animal life throughout the Los Angeles area, where the first fossil was found in 1901 in the 3rd St. tunnel in Los Angeles. The same type of research is underway throughout California, the Leisure World resident noted.

Mrs. Wylde says her work "broadens your perspective, and makes you realize the tremendous intelligence behind it all. Anyone who says paleontologists lose their religion is crazy," she added emphatically. If anything, "it makes you more religious."

College slates fall investment planning class

Saddleback Community College will offer a course titled "Investments" this fall, taught by Joseph V. Delaney of Mission Viejo.

The course, which will explore all facets of taxed advantage investments will meet in Room K—2 Fridays from 6 to 9 p.m.

Class will begin on Aug. 27.

Delaney has been in the investment business for more then 10 years. He has lectured on investments throughout the United States. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in business administration from St. John's University, New York.

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College confines garden classes

Saddleback College for a time will confine its green thumb interests to one greenhouse after hearing a report that a new facility would cost $13 per foot, it was reported at last week's board of trustees meeting.

Acting on three recommendations from the college's Agricultural Advisory Committee, trustees agreed to wait until September to hear alternate proposals for growing houses to supplement the existing horticulture program.

Everett Brewer, chairman of Saddleback's vocational division, read the recommendations which acknowledged that suitable greenhouses to supplement the college's existing house could be built for as little as $4 per foot.

A second committee statement urged trustees to seek "exact, legal interpretation of Title 21, Sections 15451 and 15454" to determine if the law permits construction of a greenhouse with a total cost of less than $10,000, avoiding stringent requirements of the Field Act and the Office of Architectural Controls.

Construction outside the legal requirements under the Act would allow the district to reduce a great part of its greenhouse building costs and remain under the $10,000 ceiling.

Trustee Robert Bartholomew, who operates a nursery in Santa Ana, indicated he is confident that the college can work around the problem.

"This will not inhibit fall growth of our program," the trustee said.

Saddleback will supplement existing curricula this fall with the introduction of four agriculture degree programs designed for students interested in careers in landscape planning.

Classes will offer combinations of lecture and labwork, and instruction will involve students in the actual experience of setting up plots, turf areas, a possible bowling green and ornamental plant sections.

Brewer informed trustees that the committee will present a proposal and make a report no later than the first board meeting in September.

Riley appoints SJC woman to panel

Fifth District Supervisor Tom Riley has appointed San Juan Capistrano resident Pamela Hallan to the Orange County Historical Commission.

Mrs. Hallan replaces Gep Durenberger, former president of the San Juan Capistrano Historical Society, who recently resigned from the commission.

"Mrs. Hallan is well known among county historians," Riley told the board of supervisors. "She has served as a charter member of the San Juan Capistrano Cultural Heritage Commission and has been a member of the local historical society for years."

"In addition," Riley said, "Mrs. Hallan is the author of a recent book on the history of San Juan Capistrano."

Mrs. Hallan is expected to be present at the meeting of the Orange County Historical Commission set for this week.

PLAY CRYPTOGRAMS IN TODAY'S NEWS

Cadet Allen enrolled in military training

Cadet Gary W. Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tyler J. Allen, 22741 La Vina Av., Mission Viejo, is receiving practical work in military leadership at the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps advanced camp at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

The six-week ROTC advanced camp provides an opportunity for cadets to develop and demonstrate leadership capabilities in a field training environment.

Most cadets are fulfilling their advanced camp requirement during the summer between their junior and senior years in college. However, there will be a number of graduating seniors who will receive Army commissions at the completion of camp.

Cadet Allen, a student at the University of Colorado, Boulder, is one of more than 48,000 cadets from colleges and universities across the nation, enrolled in Army ROTC training.

Capo High School stages summer plays

Capistrano Summer High School (on the San Clemente High School campus) Musical Comedy Workshop is in its final stages for its twin blockbluster musical hits — "The Fantasticks," to be performed Friday and Saturday, July 30 and 31, at 8 p.m. and "Dames At Sea," which will be produced on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 6 and 7, at 8 p.m. Both shows will be performed in the Triton Center.

Ticket prices for each production are as follows: reserved seating is $3 and $2; general seating is $1.50. Double-feature rate tickets for these back-to-back smash hits are $5 for reserved seating and $3 for general seating.

Discount group rates are also offered. For advance tickets call 492-4165 until 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, or 492-0857 during the evenings.

SJC Art Association schedules open house

The San Juan Capistrano Art Association is having an open house and cordially invites the public to attend. It will be Saturday, July 31 between 7:30 and 10 p.m. at the Mission Art Gallery, 26762 Verdugo (behind the Franciscan Restaurant), San Juan Capistrano.

The association will be presenting Mission Prints which will be on sale to the public. These prints were chosen from original work submitted by members of the art association.

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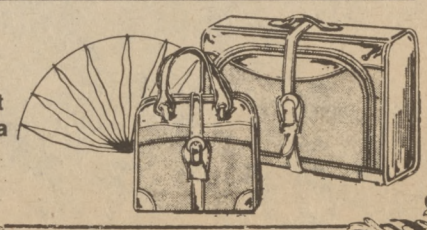

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At Texas meet

Young Nadadores shine

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According to coach Burch, "the meet gave our top age-group swimmers some unique and valuable experience not normally available in California.

"It was a good opportunity for them to compete, eat and sleep as a team outside the home influence," he added. "For most, it was the first time they had competed without their parents right there with them. Above all, the competition was outstanding."

Members of the team that swam to place finishes are the following.

10-Under Girls Division: Karen Barnicoat — 1st 200 free, 1st 100 back, 1st 50 free, 3rd 100 fly, 2nd 200 IM, 1st 100 free, 2nd 50 back, 4th 50 fly; Florence Barker — 3rd 200 free, 6th 100 fly, 7th 200 IM, 3rd 100 free; Tara Burke — 7th 200 free, 8th 50 breast, 7th 100 breast; Dina McKenzie — 4th 50 breast, 7th 100 breast;xxxxxxxx7th 200 free, 8th 50 breast, 7th 100 breast; Dina McKenzie — 4th 50 breast, 8th 100 breast; Tammy Burch — 5th 100 back, 3rd 200 IM, 7th 50 back, 6th 50 fly; Jennifer Sehnal — 8th 100 fly; Mary Shannon Hayes — 5th 100 free.

10-Under Boys Division: Troy Davis — 5th 200 free, 7th 50 free, 6th 100 fly, 8th 100 free, 6th 50 fly; Bill Dodd — 8th 200 free, 7th 100 back, 8th 100 fly, 6th 200 IM.

11-12 Girls Division: Connie Sue Ray — 6th 50 breast, 6th 100 back, 8th 50 free, 4th 200 IM, 8th 100 free, 6th 100 breast, 7th 50 back, 5th 200 free; Melody Barker — 3rd 50 breast, 2nd 100 fly, 6th 200 IM, 4th 100 breast, 8th 200 free, 1st 50 fly; Michelle Amen — 8th 50 breast; Jani Meyer — 1st 100 back (pool record), 6th 50 free, 3rd 200 IM, 7th 100 free, 1st 50 back (pool record), 7th 50 fly; Lauri Maddock — 4th 50 free, 5th 100 free, 6th 200 free, 2nd 50 fly; Cyrise Calvin — 5th 50 free, 6th 100 free.

11-12 Boys Division: Vicente Vassallo — 3rd 50 breast, 4th 100 back, 1st 100 fly, 2nd 200 IM, 3rd 100 breast, 5th 200 free, 4th 50 fly.

13-14 Boys Division: Kenneth Grey — 8th 200 fly, 8th 400 IM; Mark Maldonado — 8th 200 free.

Nadadores Team I continues swim conference dominance

The Mission Viejo Nadadores team I continued its dominance over the Orange County Swim Conference with another victory last week.

Meet results follow:

5-6 Girls Division: Kelly Elliott — 1st 25 free, 1st breast, 2nd 25 fly; Nicole Burch — 1st 25 back, 2nd 25 breast, 3rd 25 free; Debra Brundewie — 2nd 25 back.

5-6 Boys Division: Joey Bolich — 2nd 25 free, 3rd 25 breast, 1st 25 back; Steve Laurence — 3rd 25 free, 3rd 25 back, 3rd 25 fly.

7-8 Girls Division: Tana Calvin — 2nd 25 free, 2nd 25 breast, 3rd 25 back; Wendy Colonnese — 1st 25 free, 2nd 25 back, 1st 25 fly; Lisa Meyers — 1st 50 free, 1st 25 back, 3rd 25 fly; Pam Pyykko — 2nd 50 free, 1st 25 breast, 1st 25 fly.

7-8 Boys Division: Mike Anderson — 2nd 25 free, 3rd 25 breast, 2nd 25 back; Jeff LeBlanc — 2nd 25 free, 3rd 25 back; Mark Vahradian — 1st 25 breast, 1st 25 fly; Joel Bussard — 2nd 50 free, 1st 25 back, 2nd 25 fly; Matt Jaffke — 1st 50 free, 2nd 25 fly.

9-10 Girls Division: Susie Crowford — 1st 50 free, 2nd 50 back; Barb Balich — 3rd 100 free, 3rd 50 breast, 3rd 100 IM.; Kristi Elliott — 2nd 100 free, 1st 50 fly, 2nd 100 IM.

9-10 Boys Division: Adam Medlin — 3rd 50 free, 2nd 50 back, 3rd 50 fly; Jim Phelps — 2nd 50 free, 3rd 50 back, 2nd 50 fly; Eric Patton — 1st 100 free, 1st 50 back, 2nd 100 IM.; Chris Salyen — 1st 50 breast, 3rd 100 IM.

11-12 Girls Division: Unsula Graef — 1st 100 free, 3rd 50 back, 3rd 50 fly; Mary Balich — 3rd 100 free, 3rd 50 breast, 3rd 100 IM.

11-12 Boys Division: Jeff Scott — 3rd 100 free, 1st 50 fly, 3rd 100 IM.; Tim Hugar — 1st 100 free; John Burke — 1st 50 back, 3rd 50 fly; Brack Davis — 2nd 100 free, 1st 50 breast, 1st 100 IM.; Jim Snyder — 3rd 50 breast; 2nd 50 back.

13-14 Girls Divison: Susie Robertson—1st 100 IM., 3rd 100 back; Lisa Zorn — 2nd 100 breast, 1st 100 fly, 2nd 100 back.

13-14 Boys Division: Matt Rife — 3rd 100 free, 1st 100 fly, 3rd 100 IM.; John Phelps — 3rd 100 breast; Ray Novotny — 2nd 100 breast, 2nd 100 IM., 2nd 100; Tadd Saunders — 3rd 100 fly, 3rd 100 back.

15-16 Boys Division: Ron Beshk — 1st 100 free, 2nd 100 back; Ferando Salazar — 2nd 100 free 1st 100 back, 1st 200 IM.

Dry onions will mold if not stored well

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and soft when I store them at room temperature in my potato bin. What causes this and how can I prevent it?

A. Dry onions will mold and spoil if they have not been dried sufficiently and if they are not stored in a cool, dry place. During the hot weather don't buy more onions than you can use in a week or two.

It's best not to store onions with potatoes because of the moisture in the potatoes. If need be, onions can be stored in the refrigerator, but be sure to package them tightly or their odor will pervade the refrigerator. Your moldy onions can be salvaged by peeling off the top black layer, cutting out soft spots, wrapping tightly in plastic wrap, and storing in the refrigerator.

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Q. Why have the coffee prices gone up so much lately? Is this trend expected to continue?

A. Coffee beans are in short supply and this condition is expected to continue for quite some time. The main cause of the shortage was a crippling frost in July, 1975, which killed or severely damaged about 70 per cent of Brazil's coffee trees. The frost struck after most of the 1975 crop had been harvested, but now the effects of the small 1976 crop are being felt. It takes newly planted coffee trees three years to come into production and the output in other countries such as Colombia cannot make up for the losses in Brazil.

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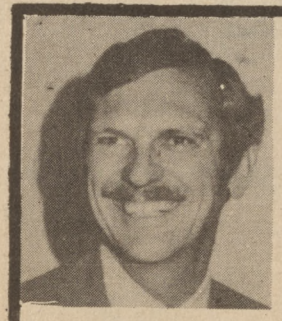

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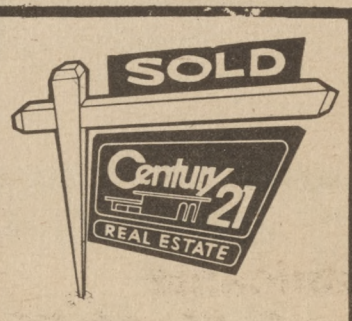

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Was there life before LW?

By Myra Neben
News staff writer

The skeletons hidden around Leisure World have a story to tell that points to mysteries occurring 13 million years ago.

Buried under immaculately manicured lawns, a profusion of trees and flowers, and many manors, are the bones of birds, animals and fish that roamed freely in Leisure World before there were guards to stop them at the gates.

The "pre-history" of Leisure World will be the first chapter of a book on the history of the community to eventually be published by the Leisure World Historical Committee.

Appropriately enough, this first chapter was written by a Leisure World woman who is an authority on prehistoric birds and who was given the job of examining the old bones recovered during early Leisure World construction.

Hildegarde Howard Wylde was not a resident at the time of the discoveries. She was emeritus chief curator of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, specializing in fossil birds.

In 1964, Mrs. Wylde writes, while construction was underway in Phase 1 and work was halted during a particularly rainy period, "members of the museum staff and a group of volunteers worked feverishly to excavate the bones of marine mammals, turtles, fishes, and birds and quantities of shark teeth."

Much of the excavation was done under what is now buildings 207 to 221 and, according to Mrs. Wylde, "the collection of shark teeth is said to be the denest concentration found anywhere in western North America."

"It is even whispered," she says, "that a portion of whale skeleton still remains below the kitchen slab of one of the manors in building 207."

But as water flowed over the land, birds also flew in the unpolluted air where jets from El Toro now pass over Leisure World on their way home.

"The Audubon Society would have revelled in the birds of that ancient time." Mrs. Wylde writes. "Albatross, shearwaters, boobies, auk were well represented."

Mrs. Wylde came across a never before found species, an "auklette" which she appropiately named "Rossmoori."

As construction on other parts of Leisure World commenced, more modern species of fish,

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Mary Cornelius, chairman of United's Publicity Committe, said problems have arisen with relatives of residents, who say they are visiting but virtually move in. There has also been an occasional problem with a grandchild or other younger relative living in Leisure World while attending school.

United's President Frank Schaeffer said a guest, who stays longer than 59 days in a 12 month period, will be considered a third party resident and must be approved by the board.

The board also approved a commerical window shade, called Roll Awn, for installation on the outsides of windows. Information about the window shade,

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Schaeffer said the board also was "very much in favor" of General Manager Doug Ayres suggestion that the President's Committee be approved to act as a long range planning committee.

Schaeffer explained that when approved by the other mutual boards, the Long Range Planning Committee will "study and prepare plans and goals for Leisure World five and 10 years from now." The study will be due by June 1, 1979, and the committee will work with Professional Community Management.

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Was there life before LW?

By Myra Neben
News staff writer

The skeletons hidden around Leisure World have a story to tell that points to mysteries occurring 13 million years ago.

Buried under immaculately manicured lawns, a profusion of trees and flowers, and many manors, are the bones of birds, animals and fish that roamed freely in Leisure World before there were guards to stop them at the gates.

The "pre-history" of Leisure World will be the first chapter of a book on the history of the community to eventually be published by the Leisure World Historical Committee.

Appropriately enough, this first chapter was written by a Leisure World woman who is an authority on prehistoric birds and who was given the job of examining the old bones recovered during early Leisure World construction.

Hildegarde Howard Wylde was not a resident at the time of the discoveries. She was emeritus chief curator of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, specializing in fossil birds.

In 1964, Mrs. Wylde writes, while construction was underway in Phase 1 and work was halted during a particularly rainy period, "members of the museum staff and a group of volunteers worked feverishly to excavate the bones of marine mammals, turtles, fishes, and birds and quantities of shark teeth."

Much of the excavation was done under what is now buildings 207 to 221 and, according to Mrs. Wylde, "the collection of shark teeth is said to be the densest concentration found anywhere in western North America."

"It is even whispered," she says, "that a portion of whale skeleton still remains below the kitchen slab of one of the manors in building 207."

But as water flowed over the land, birds also flew in the unpolluted air where jets from El Toro now pass over Leisure World on their way home.

"The Audubon Society would have revelled in the birds of that ancient time." Mrs. Wylde writes. "Albatross, shearwaters, boobies, auk were well represented."

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From prehistory forward —

Historical Society publication makes April debut

By Laura Saari
News staff writer

Mac and Ivy Barber remember the confusion that was Leisure World 16 years ago in the first days of its existence.

As a member of the security patrol, Mac ran around randomly putting cardboard numbers on the inhabited buildings and woke up in the middle of the night to direct moving vans.

As a hostess, Ivy scurried about checking stovetop ranges in vacant manors to prevent fires and trying to do something about the hot water coming out of the cold water taps.

Despite the confusion, the first days at Leisure World were the "happiest days of all," says Ivy.

Mac finds all his days at Leisure World "the most interesting part of my life."

Sharing these "most interesting" times at the annual meeting of the Leisure World Historical Society last week, the Barbers set the tone for what may be the organization's most ambitious project so far.

In the next few weeks, the first publication of the Historical Society will roll off the presses and be ready for sale.

The edition will feature six articles on the history of Leisure World, dipping as far back as the prehistoric life in an anthropological article by Dr. Hildegarde Wylde and detailing the more recent events in Leisure World history, in an article on the development of governance by Bob Price.

Also included in the first edition will be an article by Dr. James Peterson, a noted author on gerontology from the University of Southern California, an article on Ross Cortese by Paul Zimmerman, the story of the early days at Leisure World by Marjorie Jones, and the background of the historical society by Dr. Tracy Strevey.

It is "a time for rejoicing and deep satisfaction," Publications Coordinator Bob Price told the society last week. Four thousand copies are being printed to be sold through various clubs and organizations and at the Leisure World News office for $1 each.

The enthusiasm level among members of the Society is high.

"I think it's wonderful," said Pauline Garton, adding that she hopes the publication will give "incentive" to other communities and states to begin their own Leisure World-type community.

New resident Harold Young has taken it upon himself to study the history of Leisure World, but said he looks forward to the "more detailed history" that the book will provide.

"You have to learn from history," said Dr. John Fernald. He indicated that the copies of the first edition will probably become "antique" collector items.

Depending on the response to the first edition, the organization hopes to continue publishing further editions, possibly on a quarterly basis.

Subsequent editions depend on "people, imagination, willingness to work hard and to write," noted Strevey, editor of the journal. Strevey said the organization will be interested in articles from residents on a host of topics "from medical clinic to hospital, riding our blue buses, we walk our streets at night in safety, Leisure World as a political force, Leisure World golf is big business, we go to school, the day the plane fell on Leisure World, our own media, individual and group protest movements," and numerous other topics.

The publication should be available to residents in mid-April.

The Historical Society also last week elected several new members to the board of directors. The board now includes President Jim Waterman, First Vice President Paul Zimmerman, Second Vice President Robert Price, Treasurer John Kassenbrock, Secretary Fred Schafer, and Directors Evan Baker, Richard Hauptfleisch, Thomas E. Hines, Harold Kime, Frank LaClave, Helen Marks, Charles W. Moore, Rex Perkins, Tracy Strevey, and Eugene Wolfe.

JESTING—Guest speaker Ivy Barber and First Vice President Paul Zimmerman share a laugh as Ivy steps up to the podium to recapture her first days at Leisure World. Ivy and her husband, Mac, set the tone for the annual meeting of the Historical Society, this year celebrating the first Leisure World historical publication.

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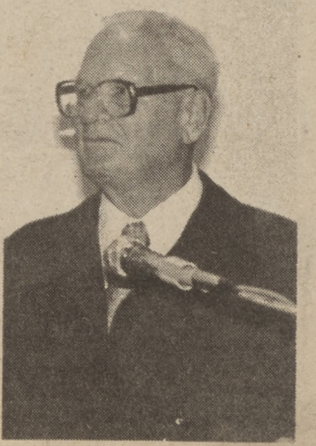

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Dr. W.O. Hendricks, director of the Research Library at the Sherman Library and Gardens Center located in Corona Del Mar, will be the guest speaker. Hendricks received his PhD from USC. He held professorships at the California Institute of the Arts in Los Angeles, California State University at Los Angeles and USC.

He will present an in-depth history of a California pioneer, Moses H. Sherman. He will also describe the continuing educational programs in history, horticulture and the arts as well as seasonal concerts and lectures that are currently offered at the center.

Mrs. Eleanor Kennedy, chairman, Mrs. Marie Sturzenacker, co-chairman and Mrs. Mary Brown, secretary, will welcome Ebell members, husbands and guests.

Matrons to hear bell ringers

The Past Matrons' Club of Leisure World will meet Monday, April 7 at noon in Clubhouse 3, Dining Room 1.

Coffee and salad or dessert will be served. Members may bring a sandwich.

The Festival Bell Ringers of the Geneva Presbyterian Church, directed by Dr. Richard Knox, will provide the program.

On Thursday evening, April 17, the club will have a "Dinner is Served" in Clubhouse 1 at 5:30 p.m. Tickets at $4 each may be obtained at the meeting from Pauline Garton or call her at 581-4298 to make reservations.

Dorothy Fuller will entertain with her songs of nostalgia in "Some Enchanted Evening." Guests are welcome and Leisure World residents too.

Catholics set China program

The St. Nicholas Council of Catholic Women will meet Friday, March 28.

President Katherine Townsend invites members and friends for coffee at 9:30. The meeting begins at 10. The special program will be "Vignettes of China," a slide presentation prepared by council member Marie Heuer, who spent 16 days in China last August.

Recent news reports of visits to mainland China by Roman Catholic dignitaries make this slide presentation of timely interest to council members, reports Leone Heuer, program chairman.

Pen Women to enjoy pot luck supper, author

Lola Gillebaard, whose name is becoming familiar to readers of the "Los Angeles Times" opinion page, will pre-

the same time. Her articles have appeared in "Good Housekeeping," airline magazines, "California Good Life"

Fossil exploration

Leisure World's archeological expert Hildegarde Wilde, points to a rock with the imprint of an underwater creature estimated at 17 million years old. The imprinted rock is part of the Fossil Reef Park , just off Moulton Parkway and Alicia, which was formally dedicated last Friday. Wilde's field of expertise is actually birds, but a fossil is a fossil.

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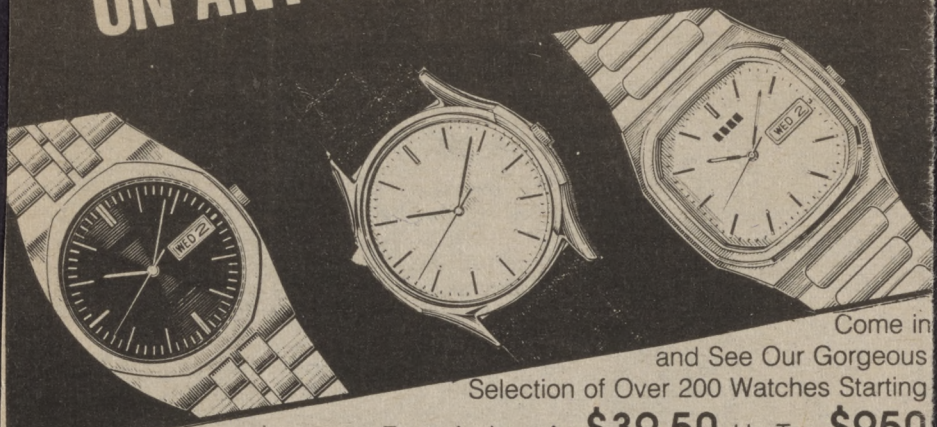

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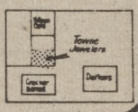

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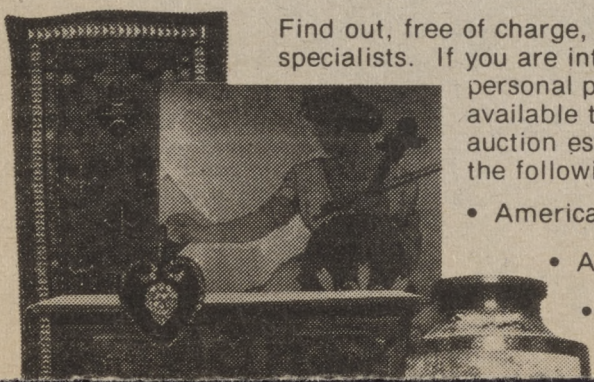

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